

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Venice**

Sunday, December 28, 2025

**Worship Leader – Pamela Palmer**

**“The Hedge Trimmer” An Immigrant’s Story**

**Worship Associate – Marianne Koerner      Pianist – Lise Frank**

**Music Before the Service**..... Lise Frank  
**Things You Should Know** ..... Pamela Palmer  
**Sounding the Singing Bowl** ..... Pamela Palmer  
**Chalice Lighting** Marianne Koerner ..... “The New Colossus” by Emma Lazarus  
**Welcome** ..... Marianne Koerner  
**Prelude** Lisa Frank ... “Polka in F Minor” by Bedřich Smetana  
**Opening Words** Pamela Palmer ..... “Some Truths about Immigration”  
**Gathering Hymn** Pamela Palmer. ....#108 “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”  
**Offering Words** ..... Pamela Palmer  
**Offertory Music** Lise Frank.....#402 “From You I Receive”  
**Celebrations and Sorrows** ..... Pamela Palmer  
**Meditation** ..... Pamela Palmer  
**First Reading** Marianne Koerner..... from Ronald Reagan’s Speech  
..... at His Medal of Freedom Award Ceremony, January 19, 1989  
**Interlude** Lise Frank ..... “Waltz Op. 64, No. 2” by Frédéric Chopin  
**Second Reading** Marianne Koerner ..... “A Nation of Immigrants”  
..... by John F. Kennedy  
**Centering Hymn** Marianne Koerner Video.. “One More Circle” by Peter Mayer  
**Story** Pamela Palmer ..... “The Hedge Trimmer”  
**Extinguish the Chalice** ..... Pamela Palmer  
**Closing Hymn** Marianne Koerner ..... “God Bless America” by Irving Berlin  
**Benediction** Pamela Palmer ..... “The Guest House” by Jalaludin Rumi  
**Postlude** Lise Frank..... “May Love Surround You”

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**Be sure to notice our “Food Bank” baskets on the lanai in front of each door to the sanctuary. Please take this reminder home to bring back non-perishable food items for families in great need.**

**Here’s What’s Happening at UUCOV This Week:  
(All Meetings are in Waters Hall, except where noted.)**

**Please Note: The UUCOV office will be closed for the holidays and will reopen on January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Today, Sunday, December 28**

10:00 am – Sunday Service

**Tuesday, December 30**

10:00 am – Library Hours

1:00 pm – Mahjong Learn/Play

6:30 pm – *Free Thinkers of Venice Secular AA Mtg.\**

**Thursday, January 1 Happy New Year!**

5:45 am – AA Meeting

**Friday, January 2**

9:30 am – Social Justice Alliance Event Planning

10:30 am – Church-State Meeting - Social Justice

1:00 pm – Bridge Brush-up and Play

**Saturday, January 3**

10:00 am – Mat Making

10:30 am – *Blue Lotus Meditation (Sanctuary)*

**Sunday, January 4**

10:00 am – Sunday Service

11:00 am – **January Birthdays Celebration**

*\*Activities in Italics indicate non-UUCOV sponsored groups.*

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**Barbara Buehring is seeking suggestions for our “Unsung Hero Award.” Send your suggestion of a fellow congregant, who does so much for all of us, to her at [UUCOVSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:UUCOVSecretary@gmail.com) by deadline of January 10, 2026.**

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**WISH LIST Projects for which we need your support:**

	Est. Cost	Received	Remaining
Security – Bollards	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

**And a recently financed Project:**

Reclaimed Water	\$3,500	\$3,500	Completed
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